

IMPORTANT SFBF/VEBA FUND INFORMATION

If you have expenses that were incurred between **January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021, you have until Monday, March 1, 2022 to file them for reimbursement from your VEBA account.** This means postmarked by 3/1/2022 or in the Fund Office by 5 PM on 3/1/2022.

FAQ

What happens if I do not submit a claim on time?

If you do not submit your 2021 expenses by March 1, 2022, it will be denied and you will not receive reimbursement.

What type of claims do I need to turn in?

If you receive an explanation of benefits (EOB) from our office, you do not need to turn that claim in. These automatically are uploaded to your member information. Other types of claims that you would **need to submit would be vision, prescription, dependent care, medical mileage, work-related tuition, etc.** (Please refer to the SFBF Summary Plan Description Booklet for eligible expenses.)

What if I do not want to get reimbursed for the claims yet, do I still need to submit them by the deadline?

Yes. You can request on the SFBF/VEBA Claim form DO NOT PAY OUT AT THIS TIME FOR THE ATTACHED. You must state it clearly on the SFBF/VEBA claim form and we will then place those claims on HOLD until you request reimbursement for them at a later date.

What does incur mean?

The date an expense is incurred is the date the service is rendered or the supply furnished. It is NOT the date you pay your bill or the date of a statement you receive from your provider. The deadline is based on the date the qualified expense was incurred and not the date you paid it.

What happens to claims already on file with the funds office? Do I still get reimbursed for these claims if I request them, even if they have an old date of service?

Yes, if the claim is on file already, it is available to you when you request it. Nothing will happen to any claims on file already with the Funds Office no matter what the date of service is.

What is the exact wording to this rule on the claim submittal deadline?

On page 8 of the SFBF/VEBA Summary Plan Description it reads:

“You have until 60 days after the end of the calendar year to file for expenses incurred during that calendar year. In other words, you have until the end of February to file for reimbursement for medical expenses incurred during the previous calendar year.”

This is a requirement of the Internal Revenue Code for these types of plans.

Can I get a check for my reimbursement from the SFBF/VEBA Fund?

No. Reimbursements are by **direct deposit only**.

If you are a traveler: the reimbursements from this Fund are by direct deposit only. Please fill out an ACH/Direct Deposit Enrollment Form. All Funds remain with this Local and cannot be transferred to any other Local or benefit plan. You must fill out an **SFBF/VEBA Claim Form** for all requests for reimbursement.
